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Special Ass't (Admin) to DD/I

Wednesday, 10 June 1953

1. Held a meeting with the Administrative Officers of the DD/I offices to explain the policy and procedure for the development of the 1955 budget estimates. I discussed the DD/I budget policy in detail and encouraged that every effort be made to formulate the estimates in accordance with it.

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2. In connection with Project [REDACTED] which had been proposed by the SR Division and which was scheduled for the PRC meeting today, I secured informal comments from [REDACTED] inasmuch as the project involved [REDACTED]

to General Cabell for his information. The comments were in no sense critical of the project, but rather pointed to the value to the SR Division of maintaining a close working relationship with the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in the selection, handling and utilization of the defectors. General Cabell called me to advise that he believed it important that there be working level collaboration on these items prior to the PRC meeting; therefore, he was removing the item from today's agenda and requesting that the SR Division fully coordinate the project with the [REDACTED]

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(There had been no previous coordination with the [REDACTED] and, although the project outline indicated that coordination was to be effected with certain offices on approval of the project, it did not include the Office of Operations.)

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3. Attended the Professional Selection Panel at which one DD/I employee was found unsuitable for career development by vote of 4 to 1, [REDACTED] dissenting. This case has been very carefully considered by the Panel, including an assessment by Training of the individual. I was of the opinion that, assuming reasonable standards, that the individual was suitable for career employment. The chief factors concerned the possible lack of sufficient objectivity and evidences of faulty judgment in the past, chiefly an incident involving a claim of disloyalty against a former student which, after thorough investigation, was found to be false.

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4. Attended the PRC meeting, together with [REDACTED]. The DD/P proposal [REDACTED] was approved after a detailed discussion. Although it was generally agreed that the project was not justified in terms of current DD/I collection requirements, it was agreed that it was a worthwhile risk in terms of its primary long-range objectives. The OCD project concerning support to the Library of Congress for the "Monthly List of Russian Accessions" and the "Cyrillic Union Subject Catalog" was also approved.

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